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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

Claim 1. (original) A cover plate arrangement for interconnection to a recessed lighting fixture, comprising, in combination:

a base plate having an outer surface, an inner surface spaced from said outer surface and a peripheral edge extending between said outer surface and said inner surface, and said peripheral edge having a predetermined geometrical configuration;

an outer rim along said peripheral edge and extending a first preselected distance inwardly from said inner surface of said base plate;

an inner mounting plate coupled to said inner surface of said base plate and said inner mounting plate having a bottom flange portion adjacent said inner surface of said base plate and said bottom flange portion having an outer edge spaced from said outer rim, and an upright flange portion spaced from said outer edge of said bottom flange portion and extending inwardly from said inner surface of said base plate a second preselected distance greater than said first preselected distance;

a plurality of mounting members on said upright flange for interconnection mounting to a recessed lighting housing, and a first portion of said plurality of mounting members having a first predetermined number of hook mounting members extending inwardly from said inner surface of said base plate a third preselected distance greater than said second predetermined

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distance, and a second portion of said plurality of mounting members having a second predetermined number of slot mounting members spaced a fourth preselected distance from said inner surface of said base plate; and,

said base plate having walls defining a nipple accepting aperture therethrough and free of other apertures therethrough,

whereby a nipple may be inserted into said nipple accepting aperture and a light fixture may be connected to said nipple at the outer surface of said base plate.

Claim 2. (original) The arrangement defined in claim 1 wherein:

said first predetermined number of hook mounting members is five.

Claim 3. (original) The arrangement defined in claim 1 wherein:

said second predetermined number of tongue mounting members is two.

Claim 4. (original) The arrangement defined in claim 1 wherein:

said first predetermined number of hook mounting members is between two and five..

Claim 5. (original) The arrangement defined in claim 1 wherein:

said predetermined geometrical shape of said peripheral edge of said base plate is circular and having a central axis, and,

said nipple accepting aperture is aligned with said central axis.

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Claim 6. (original) The arrangement defined in claim 5 wherein:

said outer edge of said bottom flange portion of said inner mounting member defines an annular shoulder with said outer rim.

Claim 7. (original) The arrangement defined in claim 6 wherein:

said hook mounting members are pivotally connected to said upright flange of said inner mounting member.

Claim 8 (original) The arrangement defined in claim 7 wherein:

said first predetermined number of hook mounting members is five; and,
said second predetermined number of tongue mounting members is two.

Claim 9. (original) A cover plate arrangement comprising, in combination:

a circular base plate having an outer surface and an inner surface and a central axis, and walls defining a nipple accepting aperture alined with said central axis and extending through said base plate, and said base plate and free of other apertures therethrough;

an "L" shaped inner mounting plate, and the leg portion of said "L" shaped inner mounting plate coupled to said inner surface of said base plate and the upright portion of said "L" shaped mounting plate extending inwardly from said inner surface of said base plate;

a plurality of mounting members on said upright portion of said "L" shaped mounting

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plate and at least one of said plurality of mounting members is a hook mounting member.

Claim 10. (original) The arrangement defined in claim 9 wherein:

at least another one of said plurality of mounting members is a slot mounting member.

Claim 11. (original) A cover plate arrangement comprising, in combination:

a circular base plate having an outer surface and an inner surface and a central axis, and walls defining a nipple accepting aperture alined with said central axis and extending therethrough and said base plate free of other apertures therethrough;

an "L" shaped inner mounting plate, and the leg portion of said "L" shaped inner mounting plate coupled to said inner surface of said base plate and the upright of said "L" shaped mounting plate extending inwardly from said inner surface of said base plate;

a plurality of mounting members on said upright portion of said "L" shaped mounting plate for interconnection to a recessed lighting fixture and said plurality of mounting members comprising at least five hook mounting members, and at least two slot mounting members.

Claim 12. (original) The arrangement defined in claim 11 and further comprising:

an outer rim on said base plate and extending therearound;

said inner mounting plate having a peripheral edge spaced from said outer rim and defining a shoulder therebetween.

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Claim 13. (original) The arrangement defined in claim 12 wherein:

at least some of said hook mounting members are pivotally connected to said inner mounting plate.

Claim 14. (currently amended) A cover plate arrangement comprising, in combination:

a [[r]] base plate having an outer surface and an inner surface and a central axis, and walls defining a nipple accepting aperture alined with said central axis and extending therethrough;

an inner mounting plate extending inwardly from said inner surface of said base plate;

a plurality of mounting members on said inner mounting plate for interconnection to a recessed lighting fixture and said plurality of mounting members comprising at least one hook mounting member.

Claim 15. (currently amended) ~~The arrangement defined in Claim 14 wherein:~~

~~said plurality of mounting members comprises~~

A cover plate arrangement comprising, in combination:

a base plate having an outer surface and an inner surface and a central axis, and walls defining a nipple accepting aperture alined with said central axis and extending therethrough;

an inner mounting plate extending inwardly from said inner surface of said base plate;

a plurality of mounting members on said inner mounting plate for interconnection to a

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recessed lighting fixture and said plurality of mounting members comprising at least one hook mounting member and said plurality of mounting members comprising at least one slot mounting member.

Claim 16. (original) The arrangement defined in Claim 14 wherein:

said plurality of mounting members comprises five hook mounting members.

Claim 17. (currently amended) ~~The arrangement defined in Claim 16 wherein:~~

~~said plurality of mounting members comprises.~~

A cover plate arrangement comprising, in combination:

a base plate having an outer surface and an inner surface and a central axis, and walls defining a nipple accepting aperture alined with said central axis and extending therethrough:

an inner mounting plate extending inwardly from said inner surface of said base plate;

a plurality of mounting members on said inner mounting plate for interconnection to a recessed lighting fixture and said plurality of mounting members comprising five hook mounting member and said plurality of mounting members comprises two slot mounting members.

Claim 18. (new) A cover plate arrangement for attachment to a ceiling mounted recessed down light fixture; comprising, in combination:

a base plate having an outer surface and an inner surface, and walls defining a nipple

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accepting aperture extending therethrough and a peripheral edge having a preselected geometric configuration, and said inner surface adapted to be placed in proximity to the ceiling in regions adjacent to the ceiling mounted recessed down light fixture;

an inner mounting plate fixedly coupled to said base plate and spaced from said peripheral edge of said base plate towards said central axis and said inner mounting plate having a bottom portion on said inner surface of said base plate and an upright portion extending inwardly from said inner surface of said base plate towards the ceiling mounted recessed down light fixture.

a plurality of mounting members on said inner mounting plate for interconnection to the ceiling mounted recessed down light fixture.

Claim 19: (new) The arrangement defined in Claim 18 wherein:

said base plate has an outer rim portion extending inwardly from said inner surface of said base plate a first preselected distance;

said bottom portion of said inner mounting plate has a peripheral edge spaced toward said central axis from said peripheral edge of said base plate.

Claim 20: (new) The arrangement defined in Claim 18 wherein:

said preselected geometric configuration of said base plate is circular.

Claim 21: (new) The arrangement defined in Claim 19 wherein:

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said peripheral edge of said base plate comprises an outer edge of said rim portion of said base plate; and,

a plurality of mounting members on said inner mounting plate for interconnection to the ceiling mounted recessed down light fixture.

Claim 22: (new) The arrangement defined in Claim 21 wherein:

said upright portion of said inner mounting plate comprises an upright flange portion extending inwardly from said base plate a second preselected distance greater than said first preselected distance.

Claim 23: (new) The arrangement defined in Claim 22 wherein:

said upright flange portion of said inner mounting plate is adapted to be inserted into the ceiling mounted recessed down light fixture.

Claim 24: (new) The arrangement defined in Claim 22 wherein:

said bottom portion of said inner mounting plate further comprises a bottom flange portion and said bottom flange portion is fixedly coupled to said inner surface of said base portion.

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Claim 25: (new) The arrangement defined in Claim 24 wherein:

said bottom flange portion of said inner mounting plate extends a first predetermined distance from said upright flange portion of said inner mounting plate towards said central axis.

Claim 26: (new) The arrangement defined in Claim 24 wherein:

said bottom flange portion of said inner mounting plate extends a second predetermined distance from said upright flange portion of said inner mounting plate towards said rim portion of said base plate and said peripheral edge of said bottom flange portion of said inner mounting plate is spaced from said outer rim portion of said base plate.

Claim 27: (new) The arrangement defined in Claim 26 wherein:

said outer rim portion of said base plate has an inner edge space a third preselected distance from said outer surface of said base plate and said third preselected distance is greater than said first preselected distance and less than said second preselected distance.

Claim 28: (new) The arrangement defined in Claim 27 wherein:

said base plate has a central axis;

said upright flange portion is tubular about said central axis.

Claim 29: (new) The arrangement defined in Claim 28 wherein:

said preselected geometric configuration of said peripheral edge of said base plate is

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circular.

Claim 30: (new) The arrangement defined in Claim 29 wherein:

said peripheral edge of said bottom flange portion of said inner mounting plate has a second preselected configuration.

Claim 31: (new) The arrangement defined in Claim 30 wherein:

said first preselected geometric configuration of said peripheral edge of said base plate is the same as said second preselected geometric configuration of said peripheral edge of said bottom flange portion of said inner mounting plate.

Claim 32: (new) The arrangement defined in Claim 30 wherein:

said first preselected geometric configuration of said peripheral edge of said base plate is different from said second preselected geometric configuration of said peripheral edge of said bottom flange portion of said inner mounting plate.

Claim 33: (new) The arrangement defined in Claim 31 wherein:

said first preselected geometric configuration of said peripheral edge of said base plate is circular about said central axis and said second preselected geometric configuration of said peripheral edge of said bottom flange portion of said inner mounting plate is circular about said central axis.